Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>TH</sup> street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Here in Preston County WV, we take emergency preparedness seriously and have a lot of redundant systems in place. The most critical element in any emergency is communications. In mountainous terrain like ours, cell service and normal radio service has limitations, especially in stormy weather. Satellite communications at Preston Memorial Hospital gave doctors the ability to communicate with a patient's surgeon with Lightsquared satellite phone when all other phones were out from a storm.

Here in Preston County we are doing all we can to be prepared for any emergency and ask you to help protect the bandwidth of Lightsquared as a back-up for future emergencies.

Sincerely,

Commissioner

Preston County WV